

NOTICES

Sunday service links shown below

Via Benefice Website

<https://www.oldburybenefice.org.uk/video-category/latest-services>

Via You Tube <https://tinyurl.com/oldbury-youtube-channel>

Coffee Zoom meeting each Sunday morning at 11.30.

Everyone is welcome to join us and catch up with familiar faces.

We will send a new link out each week, (see below)

Please pass this info round to anyone you know who would like to join us for a friendly chat and get together!

Look forward to seeing you

Blessings Linda x

Click on the link below or type it into your web browser or search engine. If you have zoom installed on your computer, it will either open automatically, or ask you if you want to open zoom - you do, so click on "Allow".

You also need to tell it to "Use Internet Audio" if you want us to be able to hear you! If you have any further questions, someone will be able to help you

<https://tinyurl.com/oldbury-zoom-21feb>

Something New

We are inviting everyone to a mid-week ZOOM get together – A chance to bring your own questions and comments to discuss the Sunday sermon given by Linda/Matt. There will be a maximum of 2 questions from each, which you will find on the back of the notice sheet.

The link is shown below, please follow instructions as above:

Wednesday 24th February at 11am

<https://tinyurl.com/oldbury-Wednesdays>

Contact details

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Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9.00am to 3.00pm

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(Work days Thursday, Friday, Sunday)

You will find contact details for the churchwardens in the Villages magazine.

Wednesday 17th February 2021

Ash Wednesday

Isaiah 58.1-12, John 8.1-11

True Religion

Holy God,
our lives are laid open before you:
rescue us from the chaos of sin
and through the death of your Son
bring us healing and make us whole
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Staying safe at services COVID-19

We are excited to be able to welcome you back into our churches, but we want to make sure that no one is at risk in doing so. We will do our best to keep you safe, but you can help us by following these simple rules:



Wash your hands before and after coming to church, and use sanitiser when you enter the church building



Keep 2m apart wherever possible



Please wear a face covering unless you are exempt - you will be protecting others



Please do not shake hands or hug, either during the service or afterwards



Please follow the instructions of the wardens at all time, especially if going forward for communion



Please do not arrive very early or hang around for long after the service

Children are always welcome in our churches, but unfortunately, we cannot provide toys or books at this time.

A loop system may be provided in this church. Please ask or check by switching your hearing aid to the "T" position.



Readings:

Gospel Reading: John 7.53-8.1-11

Then they all went home, but Jesus went to the Mount of Olives.

At dawn he appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around him, and he sat down to teach them. The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group and said to Jesus, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?" They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him.

But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger. When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." Again, he stooped down and wrote on the ground.

At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there. Jesus straightened up and asked her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?"

"No one, sir," she said.

"Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin."

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 58.1-12

"Shout it aloud, do not hold back. Raise your voice like a trumpet. Declare to my people their rebellion and to the descendants of Jacob their sins.

For day after day they seek me out; they seem eager to know my ways, as if they were a nation that does what is right and has not forsaken the commands of its God.

They ask me for just decisions and seem eager for God to come near them.

'Why have we fasted,' they say, 'and you have not seen it?'
Why have we humbled ourselves, and you have not noticed?'
"Yet on the day of your fasting, you do as you please
and exploit all your workers.

Your fasting ends in quarrelling and strife, and in striking each other with wicked fists.

You cannot fast as you do today
and expect your voice to be heard on high.

Is this the kind of fast I have chosen, only a day for people to
humble themselves?

Is it only for bowing one's head like a reed and for lying in sackcloth and
ashes?

Is that what you call a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD?

"Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen:
to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke,
to set the oppressed free and break every yoke?

Is it not to share your food with the hungry
and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter—
when you see the naked, to clothe them,
and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?

Then your light will break forth like the dawn,
and your healing will quickly appear;
then your righteousness will go before you,
and the glory of the LORD will be your rear guard.

Then you will call, and the LORD will answer;
you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I.

"If you do away with the yoke of oppression,
with the pointing finger and malicious talk,
and if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the oppressed,
then your light will rise in the darkness,
and your night will become like the noonday.

The LORD will guide you always;

he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your
frame.

You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never
fail.

Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins and will raise up the age-old
foundations;

you will be called Repairer of Broken Walls,
Restorer of Streets with Dwellings.